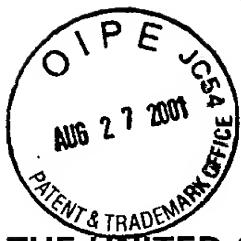


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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1636

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Dakai Liu and Elazar Rabbani	)
Serial No.	09/046,840	)
Filed:	March 24, 1998	)
Title:	NOVEL VIRAL VECTOR AND PACKAGING CELL LINE	)

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Examiner: David Guzo

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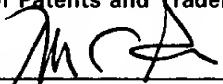
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Please enter this response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Petition To Revive An Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and authorization for the fee therefor. This application became unintentionally abandoned after August 26, 2000, which was the date that a response to the May 26, 2000 Office Action was originally due. A Notice of Abandonment was subsequently mailed on January 17, 2001. Because August 26, 2001 falls on a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, a response filed on the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, i.e.,

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Monday, August 27, 2001, is considered timely. Accordingly, with the expected granting of Applicants' Petition, this Amendment will be considered as having been timely filed.

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